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DEPENDENCE ON SAUDI ARABIAN
AND PERSIAN GULF OIL

In 1979 U.S. oil consumption totalled 18.4 million barrels daily (MMBD), of which 8.4 MMBD or 45.6% was imported. Saudi Arabia supplied 17.1% of imports; the Persian Gulf as a whole supplied 28.4%.

Western Europe imported 13.2 MMBD, 91.7% of its total consumption of 14.4 MMBD. Saudi Arabia supplied 27.6% of imports, and the Persian Gulf supplied 61%.

Japan imported 5.6 MMBD, or 101.8% of its consumption of 5.5 MMBD. Saudi Arabia supplied 33.2% of its imports. The Persian Gulf supplied 70%.

The attached table provides more detail and adds supplies from the Middle East and North Africa for comparison.

Attachment:

Table: Estimated Imports of Crude Oil and Refined Products

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ESTIMATED IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PRODUCTS 1/

1979

MILLION B/D	U.S. 2/	Western Europe	Japan
1. Total Consumption	18.4	14.4	5.5
2. Total Imports	8.4	13.2	5.6 3/
3. Imports from Saudi Arabia	1.4	3.6	1.9
4. Imports from Persian Gulf	2.4	8.0	3.9
5. Imports from MidEast/ North Africa	3.9	9.7	4.0
PERCENT			
6. Imports as % of Consumption	45.6	91.7	101.8
7. Imports from Saudi Arabia As % of Total Imports	17.1	27.6	33.2
8. Imports from Saudi Arabia As % of Consumption	7.6	25.0	34.2
9. Imports from Persian Gulf As % of Total Imports	28.4	61.0	70.0
10. Imports from Persian Gulf As % of Consumption	13.0	55.6	70.9
11. Imports from MidEast/North Africa As % of Total Imports	46.2	73.5	70.2
12. Imports from MidEast/North Africa As % of Consumption	21.2	67.4	72.7

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